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<u>In the claims</u>:

1.   (Previously Presented) A system for utilizing at least one tender created by a tender

initiator, comprising:

        a storage device storing data which relates to the at least one tender; and

        a processing device transmitting information corresponding to the data, wherein the at

least one tender is provided for a complex multi-variable commodity, the processing device

further enabling a tender recipient to request an exception to create or modify a term of the at

least one tender,

        wherein the term of the at least one tender that is created or modified by the exception

relates to a physical characteristic of the particular commodity.

2.– 3. (Canceled)

4.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the processing device executes a

program on a remote device.

5.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the storage device includes a

database storing data which is related to the at least one tender.

6.   (Original) The system according to claim 5, wherein the database is a relational database.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the processing. device:

        receives the data,

        analyzes the data, and

        transmits the information to a further processing device,

        wherein the information is transmitted in response to the received data.

9.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the processing device at least one of

transmits and receives the information electronically via the Internet.